

the “success rate” for Cohort 1 community college students is 52.2%, which includes students that earned an award, are still enrolled, or transferred to another institution by the conclusion of their eligibility.

Table 11: Outcomes for Cohort 1 Students at Community Colleges, Fall 2015 through Fall 2017

	Count	Percent
Received an award	2,857	21.5%
<i>Associate degree</i>	2,424	18.2%
<i>Certificate(s)</i>	279	2.1%
<i>Associate degree and certificate</i>	154	1.2%
Still enrolled	2,739	20.6%
Transferred out	1,335	10.0%
Dropped or stopped out	6,356	47.8%
Total	13,287	

Impact on Institutions

Tennessee Promise has also impacted higher education institutions. **Table 12** displays the change in FTF enrollment by sector from fall 2014 (the year prior to Tennessee Promise) to fall 2016 (the second year of Tennessee Promise). Overall, there was an 11.8% increase in FTF enrollment from fall 2014 to fall 2015. TBR’s community colleges saw the largest growth in FTF, with a 27.7% increase. TCATs saw an increase of 20%. Both the University of Tennessee (UT)¹⁹ system and the locally governed institutions (LGIs)²⁰ experienced a decline in FTF enrollment (-5.5% and -5.6%, respectively) from fall 2014 to fall 2015.

FTF enrollment continued to increase through fall 2016. Between fall 2014 and fall 2016, FTF enrollment grew by 13.5% overall, with increases of 19.5% at community colleges and 32.3% at TCATs. FTF enrollment at the public universities has largely leveled off, with a 2.2% decline at the UT system and a 1.6% increase at the LGIs. **Appendix D** displays the change in FTF enrollment by institution from fall 2014 to fall 2016.

Table 12: Change in First-Time Freshmen Enrollment by Sector, Fall 2014 through Fall 2016

	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	% Change, 2014-15	% Change, 2014-16
TCATs	8,691	10,432	11,500	+20.0%	+32.3%
Community colleges	17,379	22,190	20,770	+27.7%	+19.5%
Locally governed institutions	11,983	11,309	12,171	-5.6%	+1.6%
University of Tennessee	7,977	7,541	7,804	-5.5%	-2.2%
Total	46,030	51,472	52,245	+11.8%	+13.5%

¹⁹ For more information about the University of Tennessee system, please see the Glossary in Appendix A.

²⁰ For more information about the locally governed institutions, please see the Glossary in Appendix A.